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Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group to deploy

Norfolk, Va. – Nearly 6,500 Sailors will leave their homeport in Norfolk when the Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group (IKE CSG) deploys Tuesday, October 3 in support of the on-going rotation of forward-deployed forces.

Commanded by Rear Adm. Allen G. Myers, Commander, Carrier Strike Group 8 (CCSG 8), IKE CSG includes the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), with its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7, embarked Destroyer Squadron (CDS) Twenty-Eight, guided-missile cruiser USS Anzio (CG 68), guided-missile destroyer USS Ramage (DDG 61), guided missile-destroyer USS Mason (DDG 87) along with the fast attack submarine USS Newport News (SSN 750), all homeported in Norfolk.

The strike group completed Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 06-02 in July receiving certification to deploy. IKE CSG successfully completed a series of complex training events, which included naval surface fire support training and air-to-ground bombing practice at ranges on the East Coast of the United States.

USS Dwight D. Eisenhower last deployed from February until August 2000 in support of Operations Deliberate Forge and Southern Watch.

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Eisenhower entered the Northrop Grumman Newport News Shipyard in May 2001 for a midlife refueling and complex overhaul. The overhaul was completed in March 2005, and Post-Shakedown Availability/Selected Restricted Availability (PSA/SRA) was conducted from June 2005 through October 2005. Since then, Eisenhower's crew and air wing have been training for the deployment.

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NOTE: Media partners wishing to cover the departure of USS Eisenhower, USS Anzio, USS Ramage and USS Mason should contact Second Fleet Public Affairs at (757) 443-9850, x47127 by 3 p.m. on Monday, October 2.

Media Partners wishing to cover the departure of USS Newport News, should contact Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Public Affairs Office at (757) 836-1650. by 3 p.m. on Monday, October 2.